

## **Education Intern Position Description**

Job Title: Education Intern

**Work Location:** This position is at the Carolina Raptor located at 6000 Sample Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078. Interns will park in the Hospital parking lot and work from both buildings, Hospital and Visitor's Center, depending on the tasks/responsibilities for the day. This position requires reliable transportation to commute.

**Purpose of Position:** The purpose of our Education Intern is to work closely with the Wildlife Educator to gain hands-on experience in environmental education program development, implementation, and evaluation. Interns will aid in updating, creating, and maintaining educational materials as well as participating in keeper chats and special events. Interns will also learn best practices and techniques for sharing information with guests on raptors and conservation messaging to connect visitors to the natural world. Please note that this internship does not work directly with live animals.

## **Responsibilities and Duties:**

- Assist staff with updating and maintaining trail interactives
- Present educational biofacts and activities in an engaging manor to guests
- Update and organize current educational activities
- Create a new activity, trail interactive and/or other guest experience
- Participate in outreaches and special events
- Learn about a variety of educational techniques used for private and public programming
- Conducting keeper talks for a variety of audiences
- General cleaning duties, such as raking, wiping off signage and other tasks as needed
- Other duties as assigned

## **Qualifications:**

This position best suits individuals with the following:

- At least 18 years old
- Ability to lift at least 20 pounds
- Willingness to work outside in all weather conditions
- Interest in wildlife conservation and environmental education
- Can work self-guided and with others
- Ability to work with people from all backgrounds
- Comfortable working in a fast-paced environment
- Must be able to positively interact and engage with members of the public
- Ability to follow instructions, both written and verbal
- Willingness to speak up and ask questions

**Commitment Expectations:** This is an unpaid position. Interns are required to work at least 3 days per week. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays. Start and end dates are flexible. Interns are expected to have a consistent schedule.

**Physical Demands:** While performing the duties of this job, the employee is frequently required to sit, talk and hear. The employee is frequently required to use hands and fingers to feel, handle or operate objects, tools, or controls; and reach with hands and arms. The employee is occasionally required to



climb, balance, stoop, kneel, and crouch. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 20 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include close vision, distance vision, peripheral vision, color vision, and the ability to adjust focus. Work in this position will also include sitting, walking, bending, and standing. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

Ability to work around sick and injured birds, potentially hazardous materials, cleaning chemicals, gas anesthetics, zoonotic diseases, and unpleasant odors. If you are immunocompromised or pregnant/planning to become pregnant, you should obtain medical clearance from your physician.

**Work Environment:** While performing the duties of this job, the employee frequently works in outside weather conditions. The employee is occasionally exposed to wet and/or humid conditions, fumes or airborne particles, chemicals and vibration.

- Maintain education areas in a clean, organized and safe fashion.
- Willingness to work under and handle stress in an appropriate manner.
- May be exposed to high, medium, or low noise intensity.
- Willingness to work outdoors and may be exposed to extreme fluctuations in temperatures or weather.

**Other Requirements**: You will need to pass a background check before starting, provided through Priority Background Information Solutions. A tetanus shot is highly recommended.

